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**5,428,727; 5,745,899; 5,799,303; 5,799,310; 5,832,495; 5,845,067;  
5,924,087; 6,052,693; 6,070,169; and 6,092,080.**

Also enclosed are copies of Japanese Patent Nos.

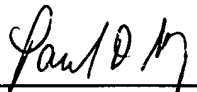
**6187374 and 11-39347.**

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Respectfully submitted,

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## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,428,727	6/27/95	Kurosu et al.	395	147	
	5,745,899	4/28/98	Burrows	707	102	
	5,799,303	8/25/98	Tsuchimura	707	7	
	5,799,310	8/25/98	Anderson et al.	707	102	
	5,832,495	11/3/98	Gustman	707	102	
	5,845,067	12/1/98	Porter et al.	395	186	
	5,924,087	7/13/99	Takahashi et al.	707	1	
	6,052,693	4/18/00	Smith et al.	707	104	
	6,070,169	5/30/00	Shorter	707	103	
	6,092,080	7/18/00	Gustman	707	103	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	6187374	7/8/94	Japan (w/abstract)				X
	11-39347	9/7/97	Japan				X

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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